

REMARKS

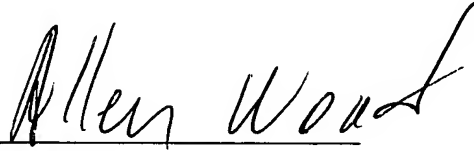
The present Supplemental Amendment is being filed in order to make changes desired by the client in new claims 4-6, and to correct an informality in claim 3.

In view of the changes that are being made in claim 4 by the present Supplemental Amendment, the relevant portion of the Remarks in the Amendment filed August 11, 2004 (that is, the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 of the Amendment) should be corrected to read as follows:

Similarly, new independent claim 4 provides that a second ~~buried diffusion~~ source/drain region has a first portion in a first memory cell and a second portion in a second memory cell. Claim 4 recites "~~means for providing the second buried diffusion region with an~~ an implanted pocket arrangement nearby the second source/drain region that is asymmetrical with respect to the first and second portions" of the second ~~buried diffusion~~ source/drain region. The arrangement shown in Yoshino's Figure 11 does not even have a "second ~~buried diffusion~~ source/drain region" in accordance with claim 4 (that is, with portions in different memory cells), and there is certainly nothing in the reference that has suggested an implanted pocket arrangement that is asymmetrical with respect to such portions.

For the reasons expressed above, as well as in the Amendment filed August 11, 2004, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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